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ACTION ALERT

Support the Hate Crimes Bill Take Action Now

Equality Lobby, along with supporting organizations has introduced, with the sponsorship of Senator Dorothy Rupert (D-Boulder), a bill which would expand Colorado's Ethnic Intimidation Law as follows:

- include sexual orientation, disability, and age;
- change the name of the offense to "hate crime."

This bill has passed the Senate Judiciary Committee and will be voted on by the appropriations committee within the next two to three days i.e. April 9, 10, or 11.

Things YOU can do:

1. Write and call your senator and ask him or her to support SB191—urge your friends and family members to do the same.
2. Get any organizations you are involved in to support the Hate Crimes Bill.
3. Write and call all the members of the Senate Appropriations Committee.

**Urge members of the Senate Appropriations Committee
to support SB191, the Hate Crimes Bill.**

Sen. Elsie Lacy 866-4866
Sen. Tom Blickensderfer 866-2587
Sen. Tilman Bishop 866-3077

Sen. Joan Johnson 866-4863
Sen. James Rizzuto 866-4865
Sen. Dottie Wham 866-4866
Sen. Gloria Tanner 866-4864
Sen. Bill Thiebaut 866-4865
Sen. MaryAnne Tebedo 866-4880

A crime is classified as bias-motivated or a hate crime when it is clear that the offender's actions were motivated, in whole or in part, by bias. The mere fact that the offender is biased against the victim's race, religion, ethnic/national origin, and/or sexual orientation does not designate the action a "hate crime."

From 1990 to 1993, the reported incidence in hate crimes against gays, lesbians, and bisexuals in Colorado rose every year. After the passage of Amendment 2, there was a 275% increase in reports of hate crimes.

Support SB 191.
Help end hate crimes.

